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Senate Bill _____
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House No. HR0013
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A RESOLUTION to create a special House committee to study the sale of not-for-profit hospitals.

WHEREAS, the availability and the cost of quality health care are of paramount importance to all citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the spiraling costs, as well as the availability, of quality health care are also matters of grave concern to this General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, many new and innovative administrative and management techniques have been implemented by the federal and state government, the health care industry, and insurance companies in an attempt to stem the tide of spiraling health care costs, including health maintenance organizations, preferred provider networks, the managed care organizations utilized in the administration of the TennCare program and a plethora of other utilization review and managed care techniques; and

WHEREAS, the sale, and subsequent change of management, of a not-for-profit hospital can certainly have a negative impact on the availability, quality and costs of health care in a community; and

WHEREAS, this issue, which affects the health and well-being of many Tennesseans, is a matter worthy of study and review by the legislature; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That there is hereby created a special House committee to study the sale of not-for-profit hospitals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of five (5) members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special House committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special House committee who are duly elected members of the 99th General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and shall be paid as members of the General Assembly are paid for attending legislative meetings as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special House committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly; and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and any other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special House committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly no later than February 1, 1996, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.